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LANGARA COLLEGE

Philosophy 1101: Introduction to Philosophy – Sec. 003

Writing assignment #2

In class on October 6, 2023

*In class, **one** of the questions below will be selected at random for students to answer, in up to 200 words.*

1. What is Locke's view concerning innate knowledge? Summarise Locke's argument for this view, that refers to children and 'ideots', in your own words.
2. After presenting the "children and ideots" argument, Locke responds to the possibility that someone could innately know something without being *aware* of knowing it. (See Book I, Chapter ii, Section 5, in the Locke reading.) Summarise the reasons that Locke gives to reject this possibility.
3. In Book IV, Chapter xi of Locke's *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, Locke answers someone who is "so sceptical as to distrust his senses, and to affirm that all we see and hear, feel and taste, think and do, during our whole lifetime is nothing but a long dream with no reality in it." Summarise what Locke says to this person, in your own words.

For this answer, you should read the first 8 sections of Book IV, Chapter xi, especially Section 8. You can find the text at earlymoderntexts.com.